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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOJ DEFENSE PROCUREMENT

1. IN MEETING WITH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN OKAWARA SEPTEMBER 7 DCM URGED THAT EMBASSY REPS MEET SOONEST WITH OKAWARA AND VICE MINISTER TOGO TO BEGIN EXAMINATION OF DEFENSE PROCUREMENT QUESTION. DCM POINTED OUT THAT FOREIGN OFFICE HAD BEEN PROVIDED WITH DETAILED BREAKDOWN OF EMBASSY ESTIMATE OF PROCUREMENT FROM U.S. UNDER FOURTH DEFENSE BUILD-UP PLAN FOLLOWING UP ON AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND AMBASSADOR INGERSOLL'S DISCUSSION WITH DEPUTY VICE MINISTER TSURUMI ON JULY 17. DCM SUGGESTED THAT IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO MUTUAL SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS SUCH AS "RESPONSIBILITY SHARING" AND COMPATABILITY OF DEFENSE SYSTEMS AS WELL AS TO COMMERCIAL ASPECTS WHICH REMAIN IMPORTANT. OKAWARA INDICATED AGREEMENT WITH THIS APPROACH AND AGREED TO SET UP FIRST DISCUSSION MEETING DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.

2. IN MEANTIME, ON SEPTEMBER 8 CHIEF SECURITY DIVISION YAMASHITA TOLD SCHMITZ THAT DFAA WISHES "CLARIFICATION"

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ON FIGURES CONTAINED IN EMBASSY'S ESTIMATES OF PROGRAM

UNDER FOURTH DBU. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE ARRANGED
FOR TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE DATA BASE TO TAKE
PLACE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13. HOPEFULLY, THESE
DISCUSSIONS WILL RESULT IN A COMMON GROUND FOR
SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS DURING WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17.
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